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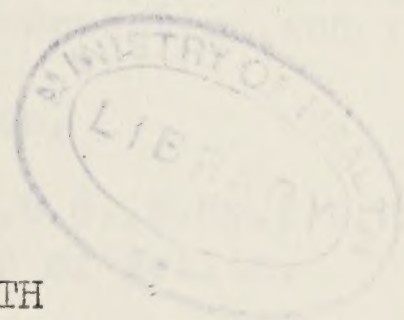
R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year

1954.



ROBERT H. CLAYTON, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the
Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of
Thingoe in the County of West Suffolk for the year
ending 31st December, 1954.

Public Health Offices,
8, Whiting Street,
Bury St. Edmunds.

September 1955.

To:—

The Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of Thingoe.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Herewith I beg to submit for your favourable consideration my nineteenth Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, being that for the year ended 31st December, 1954:

My thanks are due to the Chairman and all members of the Public Health Committee for their kind consideration, as also to my colleagues for their assistance in the compilation of this report and their help throughout the year.
The County Medical Officer of Health, West Suffolk, Dr. D. A. McCracken, has been a ready help in consultation and co-operation and to him also I extend my thanks.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT H. CLAYTON, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

(a) Medical. One part-time Medical Officer of Health,
ROBERT H. CLAYTON, M.B., B.S., B.Hy.
D.P.H., (Durham), Cert. Mental Deficiency
and Allied Subjects (London), appointed in 1936.

This Officer does not engage in private practice but holds in addition the following appointments:—

Medical Officer of Health, Newmarket U.D.C.	}	Appointed 1st July, 1936.
Mildenhall R.D.C.		
Cosford R.D.C.	}	Appointed 1st Feby. 1937.
The dwastre R.D.C.		
		" 1st July, 1938.

(b) Others. One Sanitary Inspector,
S.M. CASSON, M.I.MUN.E., A.M.I.S.E., M.S.I.A.,
Meat and Other Foods Diploma R.S.I.
Appointed February 1946.

Mr. Casson is also Surveyor to the Council.

Additional Sanitary Inspectors,

I. ARMSTRONG, M.S.I.A.,
Meat & Other Foods Diploma R.S.I.,
Diploma in Sanitary Science R.S.I.
Appointed December 1951.

G. WOODS, M.S.I.A.,
Meat & Other Foods Diploma R.S.I.
Diploma in Sanitary Science R.S.I.
Appointed November 1953.

Public Health & Housing Committee.

Mrs. M. A. Gooding	—	Chairman.
Mr. G. W. Reeve	—	Vice-Chairman.

Lt. Col. S. E. Baker.	Mrs. R. Marriage.
Major F. S. Beauford.	Mr. A. Reeve.
Mrs. A. J. Catchpole.	Mr. W. R. Rayner.
Major D. C. Cayley.	Mr. R. T. Robins.
Lady Marjorie Erskine.	Mrs. G. Shrewsbury.
Mr. L. F. Fulcher.	Mr. J. D. Thomson.
Rev. E. Hopkins-Jones.	Mr. N. R. Whitwell.
Mr. F. G. Lebbon.	

ALDERMAN H. J. BROWN, J.P., CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.
MR. J. H. WHITFIELD, CLERK OF THE COUNCIL (As from 1.10.54.)

SECTION A.
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS. Area 106,500 acres.

Registrar General's estimate of the resident population	1954. 18,570	(1953) (18,780)	(1952) (19,070)
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book.	5,451	(5,335)	(5,204)
Rateable Value	£71,276	(£69,094)	(£67,766)
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£294	(£283.6.5d)	(£278)

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Total.			Male.			Female.		
	1954	(1953)	(1952)	1954	(1953)	(1952)	1954	(1953)	(1952)
<u>Live Births.</u>									
Legitimate.	283	(353)	(260)	145	(173)	(141)	138	(180)	(126)
Illegitimate.	18	(13)	(6)	10	(8)	(2)	8	(5)	(4)
<u>Stillbirths.</u>									
Legitimate.	7	(10)	(8)	6	(5)	(1)	1	(5)	(7)
Illegitimate.	Nil	(Nil)	(Nil)	Nil	(Nil)	(Nil)	Nil	(Nil)	(Nil)
<u>Deaths.</u>	206	(194)	(192)	112	(115)	(96)	94	(79)	(96)
<u>Deaths under one year.</u>	6	(9)	(8)	5	(7)	(5)	1	(2)	(3)

	Thingoe.			England & Wales.		
	1954	(1953)	(1952)	1954	(1953)	(1952)
<u>Birth Rate.</u> (Live Births. per 1000 population).	16.2	(19.5)	(13.9)	15.2	(15.5)	(15.3)
<u>Comparability Factor, Births</u>	1.14	(1.27)	(1.27)			
<u>Corrected Birth Rate.</u>	18.5	(24.8)	(17.7)			
<u>Stillbirth Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births</u>	22.7	(26.6)	(29.2)	24.0	(22.4)	(22.6)
<u>Death Rate per 1000 resident population.</u>	11.1	(10.3)	(10.1)	11.3	(11.4)	(11.3)
<u>Comparability Factor, Deaths.</u>	0.91	(0.97)	(0.97)			
<u>Corrected Death Rate.</u>	10.1	(10.0)	(9.8)			
<u>Death Rate of Infants under One Year. All infants per 1000 live births.</u>	19.9	(24.6)	(30.1)	25.5	(26.8)	(27.6)
<u>Legitimate Infants per 1000 Legitimate births.</u>	17.7	(25.5)	(30.8)			
<u>Illegitimate Infants per 1000 Illegitimate births.</u>	55.6	(Nil)	(Nil)			

The six deaths under one year of age were all of legitimate children save one male, who together with 3 males and 1 female legitimate children, died in the first four weeks of life.

Male, 7 hours.	Prematurity.
Male, 1 day.	Congenital heart lesion.
Male, 2 days.	Cerebral haemorrhage, prematurity and precipitate labour.
Male, 4 days.	Prematurity.
Male, 3 months.	Toxaemia due to bilateral Otitis Media.
Female, 6 days.	Erythroblastosis foetalis.

The only other deaths in the nonage were those of a youth of 16 years whose motor cycle was in collision with a motor lorry and a girl of 17 years who had a congenital heart lesion.

Of the total 206 deaths, there were 144 deaths (70%) at 65 years of age or over of which 99 deaths (48%) were at 75 years or over.

Thingoe - the District which totally surrounds the historic town of Bury St. Edmunds - is entirely Rural in character, agriculture and allied trades being practically the only industries therein.

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The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring at the various age groups. The totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures.

As in last year's report the deaths have been classified to conform with implementation of the World Health Organisation Nomenclature Regulations, 1948 - these Regulations being set out on pages 371 - 376 of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries & Causes of Death, 1948.

Deaths at the Sub-joined ages of "RESIDENTS" whether occurring in or beyond the District.

	Under 1 year.		1 to 4 years.		5 to 14 years.		15 to 24 years.		25 to 44 years.		45 to 64 years.		65 to 74 years.		75 years & over.		Total Registrar General's figures.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
3. Syphilitic disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
0. Malignant neoplasm, Stomach.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	1	1	1	6	3
1. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
2. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	4
3. Malignant neoplasm, Uterus.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
4. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	2	1	2	4	8	9
6. Diabetes.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	1	2
7. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	6	6	9	9	18
8. Coronary disease, angina.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	2	8	5	3	4	19	11
9. Hypertension with Heart Disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	3	3	4
0. Other Heart Disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	16	11	16	16
1. Other circulatory disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	7	7	12	8
3. Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	4	3	8	4
4. Bronchitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	1	5	1
6. Ulcer of stomach & duodenum.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
8. Nephritis & Nephrosis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
9. Hyperplasia of prostate.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	-
1. Congenital malformations.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
2. Other defined & ill-defined diseases.	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	4	8	9
3. Motor vehical accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
4. All other accidents.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
5. Suicide.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total:	Males																	
	Females.																	
	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	26	-	26	-	49	-	112	-
	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	21	-	19	-	50	-	94

	Rateable Value.	Penny Rate Product.	No. of inhabited houses.	Registrar General's Estimate Population.	Total Deaths.	Deaths under one year.		Births.		Stillbirths.
						Legit-imate.	Illegit-imate.	Legit-imate.	Illegit-imate.	
1936.	£34,082	£136	4,020	15,240	184	5	Nil	190	12	8 Nil
1937.	£37,521	£170	4,074	15,560	184	2	2	214	8	7 2
1938.	£42,877	£167	4,463	15,470	192	3	1	188	10	8 1
1939.	£43,798	£194	4,683	15,370	206	5	Nil	248	11	8 Nil
1940.	£53,231	£230	4,974	16,310	249	14	Nil	246	9	8 Nil
1941.	£49,943	£223	4,954	17,250	230	12	1	283	27	4 4
1942.	£51,034	£220	4,814	17,220	210	14	1	269	17	9 Nil
1943.	£52,971	£225	4,820	17,420	223	9	1	271	35	6 Nil
1944.	£51,637	£229	4,806	16,960	234	18	2	295	40	8 3
1945.	£53,244	£224	4,870	15,930	185	5	3	245	48	5 1
TOTALS FOR DECADE. 1936	-	-	-	-	2,097	87	11	2,449	217	71 11
ANNUAL AVERAGE DURING 1945. DECADE.	£47,034	£202	4,648	16,273	210	9	1	245	22	7 1
1946.	£57,403	£238	4,969	16,120	173	6	1	291	28	6 1
1947.	£57,994	£255	5,050	16,320	234	11	1	321	23	8 2
1948.	£61,122	£265	5,070	16,630	200	13	1	316	12	4 4
1949.	£53,692	£270	5,050	16,590	200	8	1	265	10	7 Nil
1950.	£64,895	£262	5,150	17,260	193	6	Nil	295	14	8 Nil
1951.	£67,910	£274	5,147	18,140	230	8	1	262	11	5 Nil
1952.	£67,766	£278	5,204	19,070	190	8	Nil	260	6	8 Nil
1953.	£69,094	£283	5,335	18,780	194	9	Nil	353	13	10 Nil
1954.	£71,276	£294	5,451	18,570	206	5	1	283	18	7 Nil

SECTION B.
GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

(a) LABORATORY FACILITIES. The Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, under the directorship of Dr. R. M. Fry, provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem.

Dr. S. Greenburgh, Public Analyst, Tenison Road, Cambridge, gives a similar, efficient, helpful service when chemical analyses are required.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. These services since July 1953 have been provided directly by the County Council under the direction of Dr. D. A. McCracken, the County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES. These are not the responsibility of the Rural District Council.

(e) HOSPITALS. The use of hospitals by Thingoe residents is indicated by the following information with regard to live births and deaths.

Of the 301 live births to Thingoe residents, 127 (42%) occurred at their own home. The remaining 174 births took place outside of Thingoe, of which the great majority occurred at the hospitals in Bury St. Edmunds and Newmarket.

81 (39%) of the 206 deaths of Thingoe Residents in 1954 occurred at Hospitals as under:-

- 39 West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.
- 32 St. Mary's Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.
- 4 Walnuttree Hospital, Sudbury.
- 1 Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.
- 1 Wimpole Park Hospital, Arrington, Cambridgeshire.
- 1 Borough General Hospital, Ipswich.
- 1 Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Luton.
- 1 Isolation Hospital, Saffron Walden.
- 1 Cottage Hospital, Thetford.

SECTION C.
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER. The Council's Comprehensive Water Scheme showed progress during 1954 - 31½ miles of distribution main being laid, of which 9½ miles was in Contract Eight and 22 miles in Contract Eleven. Thus, since 1951 over 100 miles of mains have been laid in the District and the pumping stations and reservoirs completed.

The table on the following page indicates the sources and amounts of water supplied and shows that, in addition to the three pumping stations of the Comprehensive Scheme, water has still to be produced from smaller plants, although the number of these is decreasing (the use of the Bardwell, Euston and Knettishall plants was discontinued in 1954).

Water supplied from the three pumping stations of the Comprehensive Scheme during 1954 totalled 135,566,000 gallons (an increase of 48,853,000 gallons on the 1953 figure of 86,713,000 gallons), whilst water from the remaining nine Council owned plants totalled 9,442,000 gallons (an increase of 379,000 gallons on the 1953 figure of 9,063,000 gallons). Thus, 93½% of piped water supplied during the year was from the Comprehensive Scheme, which had an average daily output of 371,400 gallons during 1954. This daily average for the year does not indicate the growth of the scheme as do the two figures for the months of January and December 1954.

Comprehensive Scheme	Average Daily Output	1954, January,	273,400 gallons.
"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"
"	"	December,	481,900
"	"	"	"

It should be noted that not all this growth should be attributed to Thingoe consumption as not all this water was used in Thingoe - the water used in Thingoe can be calculated thus:-

	1954.		1953.	
Total water pumped	145,008,000	gallons	95,776,000	gallons
Water purchased in bulk	<u>7,878,000</u>	"	<u>7,200,000</u>	"
	152,886,000	"	102,976,000	"
Supplied in bulk to other consumers	<u>86,435,000</u>	"	<u>37,698,000</u>	"
Used in Thingoe	<u>66,451,000</u>	"	<u>65,278,000</u>	"
Therefore, Daily average used in Thingoe	182,100	"	178,800	"

Thus, it will be noted that, although an additional 48,853,000 gallons of water per year (or 133,800 gallons per day) was pumped by the three pumping stations of the Comprehensive Scheme, only an additional 1,173,000 gallons per year (3,300 gallons per day) were used in Thingoe and in the year 678,000 gallons (1,900 gallons per day) of this additional use in Thingoe was from bulk purchases from other authorities, as was 379,000 gallons (1,000 gallons per day) from other piped supplies owned by the Council. Thingoe's increased internal use from the Comprehensive Scheme was therefore a mere 116,000 gallons during 1954, a daily increase of only 300 gallons per day. Perhaps a tabular statement will more readily illustrate these remarks:-

In Thingoe in 1954 there were used	=	66,451,000	galls. water
" " " 1953 " " "	=	<u>65,278,000</u>	galls. water
∴ " " " 1954 increased use was	=	1,173,000	" "
Additional purchases by Thingoe in 1954	=	<u>678,000</u>	" "
∴ from other Authorities	=	495,000	" "
∴ Increase less additional purchases	=	<u>379,000</u>	" "
1954 Additional use from Thingoe non-comprehensive scheme sources	=	<u>116,000</u>	" "
∴ Additional amount used in Thingoe during 1954 from Comprehensive Scheme	=	300	galls.per day.
Thingoe increase from Comprehensive Scheme was 116,000 gallons during 1954	=	133,800	" " "
Comprehensive Scheme Increase 48,853,000 gallons during 1954	=		

Thingoe then used less than a four-hundredth part of the increased amount pumped by the Comprehensive Scheme during the year 1954. These figures stress that the Comprehensive Scheme is a joint venture and that other authorities are now obtaining increased benefits from the progress made - a fact which is further illustrated by the following table.

WATER SUPPLIED IN BULK TO NEIGHBOURING AUTHORITIES.

District.	1954. Total.	Average per diem.	1953. Total.	Average per diem.
THELWASTRE R.D.C.	19,821,000	54,300	6,680,000	18,300
MELFORD R.D.C.	23,808,000	65,200	18,529,000	50,800
COSFORD R.D.C.	38,383,000	105,200	11,542,000	31,600
CLARE R.D.C.	4,423,000	12,100	947,000	2,600
	86,435,000	236,800	37,698,000	103,300

An increase of 48,737,000 gallons per year
" " " 133,500 " " diem.

As in previous years water has been purchased in bulk by Thingoe R.D.C. The amounts and sources are indicated in the table which follows. With the completion of the main laying in Market Weston and Rede, the taking of water by the Air Ministry, the only bulk supply being purchased during 1955 will be from the Borough of Bury St. Edmunds, which will continue until 1956 in the Fornham area (later to be supplied from Risby) and will be a permanent source for the parish of Westley.

WATER PURCHASED IN BULK.

<u>Supplying Authority.</u>	<u>1954.</u>	<u>1953.</u>
A.M.W.D. Honington.	1,086,000	1,332,000
A.M.W.D. Stanton.	1,598,000	1,155,000
Borough of Bury St. Edmunds - (Barton Hill) Fornham St. Martin, Westley.	4,829,000	3,938,000
Mr. Cawston, Rede.	285,000	285,000
West Suffolk C.C. - Gt. Barton.	-	437,000
" " " - Market Weston.	14,000	9,000
Land Settlement Association - Dalham.	-	44,000
	<u>7,878,000</u>	<u>7,200,000</u>
Average per diem:	21,600	19,700
An increase of 678,000 gallons per year.		
" " " 1,900 " " diem.		

The table on the following page indicates (separate figures being given for each parish) that at the end of 1954, of the total 5,451 houses in the District, 2,409 houses (44%) had a piped supply of water into the house, of which 498 were supplied for the first time during the year, and an additional 157 houses (3%) were within 200 feet of a standpipe.

The further progress until 31st August, 1955, and comparison with adjacent rural districts is indicated below.

<u>Rural District.</u>	<u>Total Houses.</u>	<u>Houses with piped water supply</u>	
		<u>Total.</u>	<u>% of Houses in Districts.</u>
Cosford.	3,285	2,234	68%
Mildenhall.	4,580	4,060	89%
Thedwastre.	2,849	1,004	35%
Thingoe.	5,451	3,046	56%

Extension of water mains in 1954 reduced water carting, which was diminished almost entirely to houses in the Hawstead and Whepstead areas, together with carting to cases where the building of houses, along the proposed route of the mains, has been completed prior to that part of the Comprehensive Scheme being reached.

Combined Bacteriological and Chemical Analysis Reports were obtained from the three Comprehensive Scheme bores as follows:-

<u>Site.</u>	<u>Bact.</u>	<u>Chemical (parts per 100,000)</u>					<u>Hardness.</u>
		<u>pH</u>	<u>Cl 2</u>	<u>O 2</u>	<u>Nitrate.</u>	<u>Nitrite.</u>	
Ixworth.	Satis.	7.4	4.9	0.0393	-	-	28.7
Risby.	Satis.	7.3	2.15	0.0534	0.1	trace	25.3
Rushbrooke.	Satis.	7.1	2.45	0.0297	0.1	-	26.4

Eleven unsatisfactory results were obtained on bacteriological examination of water from new mains prior to effective chlorination. Repeat samples proved satisfactory as did another 85 samples from mains in use. 4 initial satisfactory results and 25 unsatisfactory results were obtained on similar bacteriological examination of water from private supplies. 10 of these supplies then changed to mains supply, 4 wells after cleaning gave satisfactory repeat samples, 2 wells were closed and in 9 cases, which after cleansing still remained unsatisfactory and piped water was not available, boiling was recommended.

H O U S E S I N P A R I S H .

PARISH.	TOTAL.	HOUSES ON PIPED SUPPLY. AT END OF 1954.	7	WITHIN 200 FEET OF STAND PIPES.	7
Ampton.	31	-	(-)	-	-
Bardwell.	229	107	(26)	47	-
Barrow.	255	142	(23)	56	16
Barton, Great.	284	89	(16)	31	4
Barnham.	109	70	(-)	64	-
Barningham.	159	30	(40)	50	-
Bradfield Combust.	39	27	(6)	69	10
" St. Clare.	54	14	(1)	25	-
" St. George.	107	71	(5)	66	-
Brockley.	71	40	(10)	56	-
Chedburgh.	30	57	(2)	71	-
Chevington.	137	72	(5)	53	-
Coney Weston.	50	15	(15)	30	-
Culford.	92	17	(-)	18	-
Donham.	57	23	(3)	40	16
Euston.	72	32	(-)	44	-
Fakenham Magna.	47	2	(2)	4	-
Flempton.	59	-	(-)	-	-
Fornham All Saints.	96	39	(13)	41	-
" St. Martin.	99	76	(7)	77	-
" St. Geneveve.	18	4	(3)	22	-
Hardwick.	3	-	(-)	-	-
Hargrave.	89	61	(-)	69	-
Hawstead.	87	1	(1)	1	-
Hengrave.	55	14	(-)	25	-
Hepworth.	122	50	(29)	41	-
Honington.	105	46	(33)	44	-
Hopton.	138	109	(4)	79	1
Horringer.	152	79	(7)	52	-
Ickworth.	16	-	(-)	-	-
Ingham.	94	51	(16)	54	12
Ixworth.	306	201	(20)	66	60
Knettishall.	22	9	(-)	41	-
Lackford.	48	-	(-)	-	-
Livermere, Great.	64	-	(-)	-	-
" Little.	34	-	(-)	-	-
Market Weston.	62	13	(8)	21	-
Morton.	60	6	(-)	10	-
Pakenham.	249	115	(20)	46	-
Rede.	49	16	(-)	33	-
Risby.	149	86	(32)	58	-
Rougham.	265	136	(2)	51	-
Rushbrooke.	34	1	(-)	3	-
Sapiston.	46	-	(-)	-	-
Saxham, Great.	57	27	(-)	47	7
" Little.	36	20	(10)	56	-
Stanningfield.	72	56	(2)	78	8
Stanton.	270	129	(93)	48	4
Stow, West.	51	-	(-)	-	-
Thelnetham.	81	4	(-)	5	-
Thorpe, Ixworth.	27	-	(-)	-	-
Timworth.	32	-	(-)	-	-
Troston.	73	62	(1)	85	-
Westley.	28	25	(25)	89	-
Thelnetham, Gt.	150	77	(2)	51	27
" Lt.	44	27	(9)	61	3
Whopstead.	125	9	(2)	7	9
Wordwell.	11	2	(-)	18	-
	5,451	2,409	(498)	44	157
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The figures in brackets in the second column are of houses supplied for the first time during 1954.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE. The maintenance of the Council owned sewage works and plants is carried out by Council employees under the direction of the Surveyor.

The following table indicates the number of houses, private and council, in each parish, which have modern drainage and are connected to sewage disposal plants. The numbers thus connected during each of the past five years are also indicated.

HOUSES CONNECTED TO SEWERAGE SYSTEMS.

	P R I V A T E					COUNCIL HOUSES.					ALL HOUSES.								
	Total 31st Decr. 1954.	Added during				Total 31st Decr. 1954.	1954.	1953.	1952.	1951.	1950.	Total 31st Decr. 1954.	Added during				Total Houses in Parish		
		1954.	1953.	1952.	1951.	1950.						1954.	1953.	1952.	1951.	1950.			
Bardwell.	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	229		
Barnham.	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	100		
Barningham.	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	1	14	2	1	41	1	14	2	1	159		
Barrow.	28	3	3	4	2	13	57	1	9	18	6	85	3	12	22	8	255		
Barton, Great.	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	3	1	18	1	1	3	1	284		
Bradfield St. Clare.	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	4	4	1	11	3	4	4	1	54		
" St. George.	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	107		
Brockley.	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	6	1	2	1	8	6	1	2	1	71		
Chedburgh.	6	1	1	1	1	2	16	10	1	1	1	22	10	1	1	2	80		
Chevington.	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	1	18	1	1	18	1	18	1	1	137		
Denham.	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	8	1	8	1	1	8	1	57		
Euston.	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	72		
Flempton.	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	18	1	1	1	18	18	1	1	1	59		
Fornham All Saints.	57	3	2	1	1	1	12	1	12	1	1	69	3	2	13	1	96		
" St. Martin.	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	10	1	1	8	18	10	1	1	8	99		
Hargrave.	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	10	1	20	1	1	10	1	89		
Hawstead.	2	1	2	1	1	1	6	1	1	6	1	8	1	2	6	1	87		
Hengrave.	15	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	15	1	1	1	55		
Hepworth.	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	2	6	1	8	1	2	6	1	122		
Honington.	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	8	1	1	1	16	8	1	1	1	105		
Hopton.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	6	1	7	1	1	6	1	138		
Ingham.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	7	94		
Ixworth.	65	8	8	3	9	10	95	1	54	37	4	160	8	62	76	14	306		
Livermere.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	1	1	1	6	6	1	1	1	64		
Nowton.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	60		
Pakenham.	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	1	20	24	1	44	1	20	24	1	249		
Rede.	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	2	1	4	12	18	2	1	4	12	49		
Risby.	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	6	1	4	19	29	6	1	4	19	149		
Rougham.	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	15	1	1	4	33	15	1	1	4	265		
Saxham, Great.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	6	1	1	6	1	6	1	1	57		
Stanningfield.	5	2	1	1	2	1	12	1	1	1	1	17	2	1	1	1	72		
Stanton.	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	6	3	1	1	17	6	3	1	1	270		
Troston.	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	75		
Whelnetham.	3	1	1	1	1	1	60	12	2	4	14	63	13	2	4	15	150		
Wordwell.	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	11		
	185	32	17	45	15	17	648	102	113	164	12	92	833	134	135	209	27	109	4,333

833 houses is 15% of the total houses in the District (5,451).

The further progress until 31st August, 1955, and comparison with adjacent rural districts is indicated below.

Rural District.	Total Houses.	Houses connected to Sewerage System.	
		Total.	% of Houses in District.
Cosford.	3,285	994	30%
Mildenhall.	4,580	827	18%
Thedwastre.	2,849	Nil	Nil
Thingoe.	5,451	953	17%

Effluent samples taken during 1954 gave the following results:-

	Suspended Solids. Parts per 100,000	Suspended Oxygen 5 days (B.O.D.)
Barrow.	1.7	1.53
Chedburgh.	1.35	1.16
Donham.	1.55	0.35
Hawstead.	1.9	1.65
Rede.	6.5	3.2
" (Repeat).	2.8	0.70
Stanningfield.	0.95	1.85

Cesspool emptying was continued by Council employees using a trailer vehicle fitted to a Karrier Bantam power unit. The number can be compared with previous years:-

CESSPOOLS EMPTIED.

	1954.	1953.	1952.	1951.	1950.	1949
Council Housing Sites	115	118	123	107	25	25
Private within the District	251	253	196	322	151	103
Private outside our District	14	15	57	191	111	56
Total:	380	386	376	620	287	184

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS. No further undue pollution took place of the River Ouse, the River Lark or of its Pakenham-Ixworth tributary. The Borough of Bury St. Edmunds is still seeking to obtain new sewage works which are to be sited in our District.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. A sixth of the total number of houses in the District are now connected to sewerage systems and plants. The remaining working class houses in the District have pail closets. No night-soil collection service is undertaken by the local authority.

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING. A weekly collection of refuse is provided at Barrow, Great Barton, Hopton, Ixworth, Pakenham and Stanton - in the remaining 52 parishes the collection is fortnightly. The amount of refuse collected and the mileage travelled is indicated in the following table, which shows that a measure of stability in the mileage has been reached although the volume increases steadily as council house estates replace isolated houses:-

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Year.	Mileage.	Volume Cu.Yds.
1946.	4,845	1,365
1947.	7,420	2,711
1948.	9,495	3,293
1949.	17,696	4,900
1950.	18,434	5,300
1951.	17,574	5,327
1952.	19,432	5,719
1953.	19,821	5,831
1954.	20,240	6,388

The suggestion, contained in my 1953 report, that under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936, the Council should, for an annual charge, provide, for each house, a satisfactory dustbin, was approved in principle but was deferred on financial grounds.

Steps were taken throughout the year to prevent rodent and insect infestation of the refuse tips. The Fordson Major tractor and ancillary equipment purchased during the year facilitated this by simplifying the work of covering the refuse at the tips.

The improved price for paper helped to increase the value of salvage collected by £53.

SALVAGE COLLECTED.

Year.	£. s. d.	Paper. Cwts.	Bottles. Doz.	Rags. Cwts.	Scrap. Cwts.
1946.	23. 2. 6.	48.0	31.0	-	15.9
1947.	88. 12. 4.	164.5	283.5	1.75	125.0
1948.	204. 17. 1.	724.0	360.0	2.50	218.0
1949.	98. 2. 10.	308.25	50.0	9.2	220.0
1950.	93. 12. 11.	250.0	-	14.0	65.0
1951.	496. 17. 10.	768.25	-	13.5	141.5
1952.	212. 19. 6.	418.0	-	7.0	26.5
1953.	75. 6. 5.	341.0	-	10.75	132.5
1954.	128. 0. 1.	295.5	-	16.00	54.5

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA. The following table, supplied by Mr. Casson, shows the number of inspections and visits of the Sanitary Inspectors.

GENERAL.		Inspections.	Re-Visits.
Council Houses for Defects.		1,000	
Council Houses, Miscellaneous.		241	
Houses For Miscellaneous.		179	247
Houses For Overcrowding.		1	1
Houses For Vermin.		4	1
Houses For Rats.		22	9
Caravans.		17	15
Factories.		87	
Ditches, etc.		69	93
Schools.		10	10
Drainage.		17	8
Drains Tested (Existing 1, New 117)		113	166
Refuse Tips.		19	10
Bye-law Development.		94	1,299
Miscellaneous Complaints.		33	14
Hutments.		100	
Water Inspections (i) New Connections		146	
(ii) Main Laying Inspections		69	
(iii) Council Houses		241	
(iv) Waterworks		33	
(v) Miscellaneous		153	
Water Samples 107 Public (96 Satisfactory)		-	
33 Private (8 " "		-	
Sewers and Sewage Disposal Works.		586	
		3,239	1,873

FOOD PREMISES.

Type of Premises.	Number of Premises.	Inspections.
Food Shops.	68	73
Smalls Manufacturers.	14	143
Public Houses.	58	49
Cafes.	1	16
Dairies.	3	8
Food Vans.	4	8
Ice-cream Premises.	28	60
Butchers.	13	118
Slaughterhouses.	4	-

Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	32
Explosives Acts	...	...	...	6

WRITTEN NOTICES.

Served prior to 1954 (Outstanding at 1st January, 1954)	16
Served during 1954	54
Complied with during 1954	42
Outstanding at 31st December, 1954.	28

Factory Act, 1937.
Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises.	Number. on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections.	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	13	38	5	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	54	55	3	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	5	5	2	Nil
	72	87	10	Nil

* i.e. Electrical Stations (Sections 103 (1)), Institutions, (Section 104 and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108)).

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	Found.	Number of cases in which defects were found.		No.of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
		Remedied.	Reported To H.M. Inspector By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	5	5	Nil Nil	Nil
Insufficient sanitary Conveniences(S.7(a))	4	4	Nil Nil	Nil
Insufficient washing facilities.	1	1	Nil Nil	Nil

OUTWORK.

Nature of Work.	M/c. Line No.	No. of Out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110(1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council.
Wearing apparel (Making etc.)	13	4	-
Making boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper.	34	43	1

(iv) SHOPS AND OFFICES. The visits to food shops are recorded on the previous page.

(v) CAMPING SITES. The problems which arise in connection with camping sites in this area are confined to those which arise on Air Ministry property and are dealt with by other authorities.

(vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT. No smoke nuisance was either observed or reported.

(vii) SWIMMING BATHS. There are no swimming baths in the District, but a swimming bath is available at Bury St. Edmunds, which is surrounded by our Area, and at Newmarket and Stowmarket.

(viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.) No case of either bed bug or cockroach

(ix) COCKROACH INFESTATION.) infestation was reported during the year.

(x) RODENT CONTROL. Rodent control continued to be carried out by one operator equipped with a motor cycle and toolbox combination. The following table shows the treatments carried out during the year:-

	<u>1954.</u>	<u>1953.</u>	<u>Type of Infestation.</u>	<u>1954.</u>	<u>1953.</u>
Private dwellings	146	114	Minor	117	96
Business premises	11	14	Major	49	53
Farms	3	4	Reservoir	-	-
Refuse Tips	6	17		<u>166</u>	<u>149</u>
	<u>166</u>	<u>149</u>			

(xi) THE RAG, FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951. No change.

SECTION D.
H O U S I N G.

1.	(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). (Including Council Houses)	1,179
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,247
	(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.	14
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	14
	(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	14
	(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. (Including Council houses)	1,040
2.	<u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice.</u>	
	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers (including Council houses).	1,032
3.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.</u>	
	(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil
	(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-	
	(a) By Owners	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
	<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts.</u>	
	(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	6
	(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.	
	(a) By Owners.	4
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.	Nil
	Outstanding at end of year	2
	<u>Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.</u>	
	(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which	
	(a) Demolition Orders were made.	6
	(b) Undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation.	8
	(c) Undertakings cancelled upon completion of work.	12
	(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	12
	<u>Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.</u>	
	(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	Nil
	(2) Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders.	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936. - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a)	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	2
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	2
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	10
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
(c)	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	1
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	4
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority having taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil

The Registrar-General's estimate of the resident population in 1954 was 18,570 persons - the number of inhabited houses at the end of the year according to the Rate Book was 5,451 - an average of 3.4 persons per house throughout the District. New houses provided in the post-war years have been:-

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	Total.
Private Houses.	7	10	12	14	6	4	19	43	47	162
Council Houses.	6	84	84	46	66	36	90	93	105	610
	13	94	96	60	72	40	109	136	152	772

These 772 post-war houses represent 14% of the total number, 5,451, of houses in the District. The parishes in which the 610 post-war Council houses have been built are indicated in the table on the following page, which shows also the total number of houses in each parish, the total number of Council houses in each parish, the number for each of the 404 pre-war and Emergency War Council Houses built and the percentage of the total houses in each parish which are Council houses.

The pre-war and Emergency War Council houses numbered 404; the 105 Council houses built in 1954 were therefore just more than a quarter of the number built in all the pre-war years.

It is good to see that 162 families have provided themselves with new private houses in the past nine years, although the majority of these are not a contribution to solving the problem of housing the working-classes.

During 1954 six council house tenants decided to purchase the house in which they were living - others have so decided in 1955. This is a step which can benefit the purchaser and those still on the Waiting List for houses.

It should be stressed that Council Houses are on offer for sale to existing council house tenants and that a 10% deposit on Pre-war Council Houses (whose price calculated on the rent varies between £600 and £1000) and a mere 5% deposit on Post-war Council houses (whose price, which equals their actual cost to build, varies between £1,200 and £13,000) suffices. A maximum period of 30 years to repay the outstanding mortgage can be allowed, subject usually to the purchase being completed by the time the purchaser is 60 years old. Each Council tenant who purchases his house ensures that his repayments do not vary, (as often has his rent), and allows the Council to provide another house without increasing the number of rate-contributions. The necessity for this will be apparent when it is recalled that the Waiting List for Council houses at the end of 1954 was 454 (at 31st August, 1955, it was still 443) and that the rate-contributions for Council houses already requires the rate-payer to provide a rate of s2/5.87d. If the Council could provide the 443 applicants, with new Council houses at the present rate of £7.7.0 per house Rate-Contribution, a further amount of £3,256.1.0. per year would be required, which, at the present penny rate product of £294, represents an 11.08 pence increase, making a total housing rate of s3/4.95d.

The provision of Rate-Contributions on new houses is by no means the only housing financial call on the Council for, to date, 68 grants have been given to owners who have submitted schemes to improve existing houses -

COUNCIL HOUSES BUILT IN PARISH

Parish.	Total all Houses.	Total	Total Pre- War & Emer- gency War.	Total Post- War.	DURING									% of Houses in Parish which are Council Houses.
					1954.	1953.	1952.	1951.	1950.	1949.	1948.	1947.	1946.	
Ampton.	31	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Bardwell.	229	55	19	36	1	14	1	4	1	4	14	1	1	24%
Barrow.	255	58	16	42	1	1	18	1	1	8	1	16	1	23%
Barton, Great.	284	35	18	17	1	1	3	1	1	8	6	1	1	12%
Barnham.	109	10	2	8	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	9%
Barningham.	159	63	23	40	1	1	14	2	1	4	12	8	1	40%
Bradfield Combust.	39	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
" St. Clare.	54	17	6	11	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	31%
" St. George.	107	24	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	22%
Brockley.	71	17	9	8	6	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	24%
Chedburgh.	80	22	6	16	10	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28%
Chevington.	137	21	3	18	1	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15%
Coney Weston.	50	7	7	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14%
Culford.	92	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Denham.	57	8	-	8	1	1	1	1	6	2	1	1	1	14%
Euston.	72	3	-	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	4%
Fakenham Magna.	47	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Flempton.	59	20	2	18	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34%
Fornham All Saints.	96	18	6	12	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	19%
" St. Martin.	99	28	7	21	13	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	28%
" St. Genevieve.	18	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Hardwick.	3	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Hargrave.	89	25	5	20	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	10	1	28%
Hawstead.	87	17	11	6	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	20%
Hengrave.	55	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Hepworth.	122	23	15	8	1	1	2	1	6	1	1	1	1	19%
Honington.	105	28	12	16	8	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	26%
Hopton.	138	22	16	6	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	16%
Horringer.	152	2	2	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1%
Ickworth.	16	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Ingham.	94	13	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	14%
Ixworth.	306	105	56	49	1	22	13	1	4	1	10	1	1	34%
Ixworth Thorpe.	27	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Knettishall.	22	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Lackford.	43	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Livermere, Great.	64	6	-	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9%
Livermere, Little.	34	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Market Weston.	62	8	8	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13%
Nowton.	60	6	-	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	10%
Pakenham.	249	58	14	44	1	20	1	16	8	1	1	1	1	23%
Rede.	49	21	3	18	2	1	4	1	1	1	12	1	1	43%
Risby.	149	57	28	29	6	1	4	1	7	1	1	12	1	38%
Rougham.	265	43	10	33	15	1	1	1	1	1	4	8	6	16%
Rushbrooke.	34	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Sapiston.	46	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Saxham, Great.	57	15	9	6	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26%
" Little.	36	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Stanningfield.	72	16	4	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	22%
Stanton.	270	30	13	17	6	3	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	11%
Thelnetham.	81	12	12	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15%
Timworth.	32	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Troston.	73	13	5	8	1	1	1	1	2	6	1	1	1	18%
Westley.	28	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
West Stow.	51	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Whelnetham, Great.	150	77	29	48	12	1	4	1	6	1	26	1	1	51%
" Little.	44	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Whopstead.	125	9	9	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7%
Wordwell.	11	2	-	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	18%
	5,451	1,014	404	610	105	93	90	36	66	46	34	34	6	19%

In addition, the Council own 8 houses at Stanningfield (made from an existing row of cottages) for old people.

the 21 grants given during the 1954 financial year totalled £6,500, an average of £310 GRANT per house. Further improvements to existing pre-war Council houses have included the following provision of water:-

OVER SINK.

1949.	Saxham.	9
1950.	Chevington.	3
	Hopton.	16
	Hargrave.	5
1952.	Bardwell.	19
1953.	Risby.	3
1954.	Hepworth.	7
	= Ixworth.	4
	Stanton.	13

* These Ixworth houses had provided in addition to a tap over the sink, water, sewerage, bathroom and W.C. 79

STANDPIPES AT REAR OF HOUSES.

(To be completed with indoor supplies as time and finance permits)

1950.	Chedburgh	6
1951.	Troston.	4
	Risby.	20
1953.	Brockley.	9
	Pakenham.	3
	Risby.	6
	Rougham.	6
1954.	Barningham.	12
	Brockley.	6
	Fornham All Saints	6
	Honington.	6
		<u>89</u>

Two further points require stressing:-

31 hutments were still occupied at the end of 1953; this number in 1954 was reduced to 51 and by the end of May 1955 the number occupied was 41 - the Council had thus progressed halfway with their decision to dispense with the hutments.

There were 59 registered cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in the District at the end of 1954. The House-Letting Committee have responded promptly to all suggestions made by me on health grounds so that a separate bedroom should be available to all such active cases.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) MILK SUPPLY. The Milk & Dairies Regulation, 1949, reallocated the duties with regard to production and supervision of milk supplies - the duties of our Authority are curtailed to the surveillance of milk in distribution from dairies other than producer retail dairies.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. The 110 food premises in the Area may be classified as:-

Food Shops (General)	68
Small Manufacturers	14
Butchers	13
Cafes	1
Bakehouses	14
	<u>110</u>

The visits paid to these premises have been recorded on page 12. Individual approach has been made to ensure that there is appreciation of the need and method of personal and environmental hygiene by all food handlers.

Meat Inspection.

The year saw the end of meat rationing at mid-night on the 3rd July, 1954, and slaughtering by the Ministry of Food was discontinued on the 29th June, 1954. Prior to this date consultation was held with the butchers in the District in order to ensure that when rationing ended adequate facilities for slaughtering would be available to them. It was resolved that in addition to the central slaughterhouse at Bury St. Edmunds (which still continues to serve many of our butchers) four slaughterhouses in Thingoe should be licensed.

During the last six months of 1954 therefore there was inspected at these four slaughterhouses 66 cattle, 4 sheep and 43 pigs, as a result of which the following meat was condemned:-

1 ox lung
Ox head, lungs.
Ox heart, head and tripe.

1 Trimmings.
1 Part of Liver.
Thin skirt.
Trimmings.
24 lbs. beef.
Part of Liver.
do.
1 pair Lungs.
1 Trimmings.
1 Part of Liver.
1 Carcase and offal.
1 Forequarter.
2 Pigs heads.
2 Joints Pork.

Localised Tuberculosis.
Localised Tuberculosis.
C.Bovis,carcase in cold
storage for 3 weeks.28/7/54
Bruising.
Distomatosis.
Localised Tuberculosis.
Bruising.
Bruising.
Cirrhosis.
do.
Pneumonia.
Bruising.
E.cysts.
Abscesses.
do.
Localised Tuberculosis.
Localised inflammation.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.
Six Months ending 31st December, 1954.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed.	60	3	3	4	48
" inspected.	60	3	3	4	48
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>					
Whole carcases Condemned.	-	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	7	1	-	2	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	12%	33%	-	50%	8%
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	2	-	-	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	1%	67%	-	-	4%

Tinned Goods Condemned.

2 x 1 lb. Golden Circle Crushed Pineapple.
4 x 1 lb.12 ozs. Pineapple Pieces.

ICE-CREAM. At the end of 1954 the number of ice-cream dealers had increased from the 26 in 1953 to a total of 28. These dealers receive all their ice-cream as wrapped bricks or in covered cartons from large manufacturers - there are no manufacturers in our District.

BREWERS. Licensed premises in the area remained at the total of 58.

Water Supply. Premises with mains water 38
" without mains water 18
" without mains water but 2
with satisfactory supply of
tap water (bore & full
supply).

There are thus 18 premises where the water supply requires improve-
ment, despite 9 having been connected during the year. However, all
public houses adjacent to mains now have water laid on and as the mains
are increasing rapidly so other public houses will be quickly supplied.

Sewage : 4 Public houses are connected to main systems, 20 have satisfactory
private disposal (water carriage) arrangement, but in 34 the private
disposal arrangements are unsatisfactory.

- (c) FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938. Section 15 -Bye-Laws.
(d) ADULTERATION.
(e) CHEMICAL, BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.
(f) NUTRITION.
(g) SHELL-FISH (Molluscan)
(h) WATER-CRESS.

No change.

SECTION F.
PREVALENCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following table shows the number of Infectious Diseases among the civilian population during the year. These are the final numbers after corrections subsequently made either by the Notifying Medical Practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Disease Hospital.

	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	Measles.	Pneumonia.	Infective Hepatitis.	Food Poisoning.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
Grand Total: M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
152 72 80 Totals.	- 4	40 41	- 1	16 14	3 5	7 7	1 2	4 6	1 -
Age 0 to under	1 - -	4 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
1 " "	3 - -	6 5	- -	5 3	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
3 " "	5 - -	7 14	- -	5 3	- -	- 1	- 1	- -	- -
5 " "	10 - 3	18 18	- 1	5 7	- -	2 2	- -	- -	1 -
10 " "	15 - 1	5 2	- -	1 1	- -	- 1	- -	- 1	- -
15 " "	25 - -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	4 1	- -	1 1	- -
25 " "	45 - -	- -	- -	- -	2 1	- 2	1 1	1 4	- -
45 " "	65 - -	- -	- -	- -	- 2	1 -	- -	- -	- -
65 & over.	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -	2 -	- -

1954 produced no exceptional incidence of Infectious Diseases in Thingoe.

It should be noted that no case of Diphtheria has occurred in the District for 10 years - no case has occurred in an immunised person since December 1940, when immunisation commenced in the District, nearly 15 years ago.

The three cases of Food Poisoning notified were related to the purchase of cockles from a market stall, which were kept over night before consumption.

TUBERCULOSIS.
New Cases and Mortality.

NEW CASES.

	1954.	1953.	1952.	1951.	1950.
Pulmonary	10	6	7	9	17
Non-Pulmonary	1	2	4	5	3

Ages of Cases notified in 1954:-

Pulmonary, Males, 18, 29, 71, 76 years.

Females 12, 16, 28, 28, 37, 43 years.

Non-Pulmonary, Male 9 years.

MORTALITY.

The Tuberculosis deaths during 1954 were:-

Pulmonary, Males 34 and 76 years.

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER.

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
1. Cases at commencement 1954.	29	25	5	11	34	36
2. Notified first in 1954.	4	6	1	-	5	6
3. Restored to Register.	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by: Transfers	-	1	-	-	-	1
Death Returns.						
5. Cases Removed from Register.	4	2	-	1	4	3
6. Remaining at end of 1954.	29	30	6	10	35	40

THINGOE - 1936 to 1954, NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS).

	Diph- theria	Scarlet Fever.	Measles	Whoop- ing Cough.	Pneumonia	Ery- sip- elas.	Infective Hepatitis	Acute Polio myelitis.	Dysentery	Malaria	Meningo- coccal meningitis.	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Para- Typhoid Fevers	Undul- ant Fever.	Puer- peral Fever.	Food Poi- son- ing.
1936.	1	27	-	-	9	3	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	-
1937.	1	6	-	-	7	Nil	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	-
1938.	2	4	-	-	7	1	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	1	Nil	-
1939.	2	26	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-
1940.	9	112	75	10	10	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-
1941.	8	22	269	9	4	2	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	-
1942.	2	27	4	57	4	Nil	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-
1943.	2	25	61	1	3	Nil	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-
1944.	4	21	10	39	9	4	22	Nil	23	1	Nil	3	Nil	Nil	1	-
1945.	Nil	21	233	78	8	2	22	Nil	11	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	1	-
1946.	Nil	7	23	33	4	1	15	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-
1947.	Nil	21	110	21	5	2	5	1	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-
1948.	Nil	12	48	74	2	Nil	Nil	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-
1949.	Nil	8	71	19	1	1	14	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	-
1950.	Nil	15	505	115	1	1	3	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	55
1951.	Nil	11	41	46	10	Nil	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
1952.	Nil	7	235	76	9	Nil	6	1	1	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	1	85
1953.	Nil	11	142	3	4	Nil	3	2	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
1954.	Nil	4	30	81	8	Nil	14	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3

